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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sunday 10:00 a.m. -1:30 p.m. Pastor - Fr. Allyn Rose (ext. 222)

Associate Pastor - Father Patrick Gnanapragasam (ext 224)

Deacon - Everis Munroe (ext. 223)

Deacon - Sarfaraz Pinto (ext. 226)

Youth Minister - Hill Roshan Arulnesam (ext 225)

Secretary - Jackie Mackenzie (ext. 221)

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 noon Ask ushers for listening - aid devices

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday through Friday 12:10 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. (at Convent) Thurs. evening Mass is in Latin - forma ordinaria

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Thursdays and Fridays after noon Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:30 - 5:00 and 15 minutes before all Sunday Masses Monday through Friday 11:45-12:00 and 6:45-7:15

DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Wednesdays before & after evening Mass.

BAPTISMS

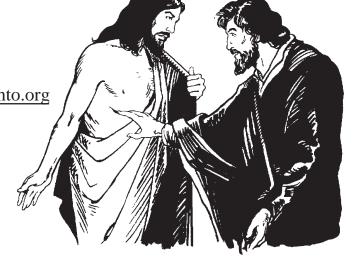
Will be the Second and Fourth Saturdays of each month at 9:30 a.m. An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the deacon.

MARRIAGES

An information package should be picked up at the Parish Office before meeting with the priest. One year advanced planning is required.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Families should notify the Parish Office in the event of serious illness.



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Altar Boys	Father Allyn Rose	Parish Office
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Children's Liturgy	Winnie Thien	905-940-1059
Screening Coordinator	Liz Pinto	905-889-5755
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Legion of Mary Sr.	Amy Rebeiz	647-643-2232
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Society of St. Vincent de Paul 905-474-1224 ext. 230		
Knights of Columbus	Philip Lee	905-475-6776
Youth Group	Hill Arulnesam	647-281-0062

PARISH MUSICIANS Organists

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DAY CARE

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Monday

12:10 p.m.

+Sabatino LeDonne (Family)

Monday

7:00 p.m.

+Tomas N. Hashim (Hashim and Tiongson Families)

Tuesday

12:10 p.m.

+Wing Pak Seto (Family)

Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

+Gaspar Lajom (Linda Bernabe)

Wednesday

12:10 p.m.

+Jin Imm Tan (Tan Family)

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of the Prayer Group

Thursday

12:10 p.m.

+Lai-Ying Poon (Jefferson Tse)

Thursday

7:00 p.m.

Souls in Purgatory

Friday

12:10 p.m.

+Eugene and Bernadette Lai Cheong (Family)

Friday

7:00 p.m.

+Florence Madlambayan (Chit and Josephine Szeto)

Saturday

9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Patricia Chong Ah Yan (William Ah Chong)

Saturday

5:00 p.m.

+Marcus Cheng (Cheng Family)

Sunday

9:00 a.m.

For the People of the Parish

Sunday

10:30 a.m.

+Mary and Rohib Elias (Family)

Sunday

12:00 p.m.

In Thanksgiving and for the intentions of Margaret Tse (Jefferson Tse)

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY DECEMBER 15, 2019

PRAY FOR THE SICK: : Bob Hustins, Elizabeth Wong, Eric Maddan, Giuseppina Sala, Michael Ramoutar, Anna Starkiewicz, Fitzroy James, Andrew Carb, Joyce D'Souza, Esther Cholakian, Lawrence Lee, Maribel Monje, William Lee Ah-Chong, Jonrick Carlo Bautista, Antonio Tiongson, Alban Munroe, Nancy Lyn Arsenault, Vartouhi Kapandjian, Ardemis Moushian, Josephine Pereira, Chuba Asad, Margaret Carter, Rita Yu, Louis Ma, Erlinda Tiongson, Belen Alcalde, Clemente Magnayi, Andrew, Junny and Afonso Hung, Bettina Isabel Andal, Angelo Drago, Lilia Tiongson, Marian Pereira, Patricia Chong Ah Yan, Gonzalo San Luis, Gene Chong and Wing Yuen

PRAY FOR THE DEAD For those who have no one to pray for them.



THIRD SUNDAY OF

THE SEASON OF ADVENT is a time to prepare reflectively for our celebration of the Nativity of the Lord. It should be characterized by and attitude of "watch and pray" as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, inspired by the entrance antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." The rose candle in the Advent wreath reminds us that this is a day for rejoicing, that our celebration of the Incarnation is near.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 Midnight Christmas Day: 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

NEW YEAR'S MASSES THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD (A Holy Day of Obligation)

New Year's Eve: 5:00 p.m.

New Years Day: 10:30 and 12:00 Noon

(No 9:00 a.m. Mass)

CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND YEAR'S EVE WILL BE FROM 4:00 - 5:00 P.M.

The Weekday Mass for Tuesday December 24th will be 9:00 a.m.

The Weekday Mass for Tuesday December 31st will be at 12:10

MASS ON SATURDAY MORNINGS

Will be in the Church at 9:00 a.m.

ALL PARISHIONERS SHOULD BE REGISTERED and are asked to support the Parish and the needs of the Church by using Sunday Offertory Envelopes and making up for any absence during vacation. New parishioners are asked to register in the parish office.

PARISH OFFERTORY

Weekly goal: 7,500.00 (to meet our expenses)

We received: (December 8th - \$9,537.40 (includes PAG)

SUNDAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2020 will be (or have been) delivered to parishioners who live within the boundaries of our parish by the Knights of Columbus and friends. Thanks to the Knights for taking on this project again this year. Those who live outside our parish area are asked to pick up their box of envelopes from the table at the back of the church. *These new envelopes should not be used until the new year.*

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO OUR NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER/DANCE ON TUESDAY DECEMBER 31, 2019 FROM 6:00 P.M. – 1:00 A.M.

Tickets are \$35.00 for Adults, \$20.00 for children (under 12). Tickets will be available at the international night or to reserve your tickets, contact your OASIS member or email lasis.stthomas@gmail.com See posters in foyer. All proceeds for St. Thomas the Apostle.

HANDICRAFT HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS

The weekend of December 21-22 we will have with us a special guest from Sebastien Cardinal representing "Handicraft Holy Land Christians", who after the masses will briefly address the issues and concerns regarding the Christian presence in The Holy Land. Christians In the Holy Land graciously ask your support through prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces.

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Could God be calling you to be a priest or religious and announce the Good News to His People as John the Baptist did? If you think God is calling you to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Chris Lemieux, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Toronto 416-968-0997

vocations@archtoronto.org www.vocationstoronto.ca

LEGION OF MARY

New Members are welcome. The senior Legion meets in the sacristy on Thursday at 7:40 p.m. and the Junior Legion on Friday from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. For more information, please contact Amy Rebeiz: 647-643-2232 amy.rebeiz@gmail.com

ALTAR SERVERS – Boys as young as grade 4 who would like to become Altar Servers should contact Mark Huang to begin preparation. This involves a serious commitment and support from parents. Call the parish office at 905-474-1224

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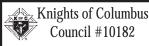
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